



Fleet Services



What is requested? The Fleet Services sub-goal requests \$174.7 million in FY 2006, reflecting a net decrease of -\$1.0M over the FY 2006 base level.

What are the benefits? This request will support operation, maintenance, modernization and replacement of NOAA's ships and aircraft; provide outsourced ship and aircraft to supplement NOAA's fleet; and afford NOAA's Officer Corps with a sea-shore rotation by assigning them to operational, technical, and management billets throughout NOAA. Additionally, it supports NOAA's Diving, Teacher-At-Sea and Small Boat Safety programs.

Why do we need it? NOAA's fleet of ships and aircraft enable global observations of critical environmental conditions.

What will we do?

Marine Operations & Maintenance – NOAA's fleet of ships will provide 4,160 operating days to collect data to manage the nation's fishery stocks and protect marine mammals, update nautical charts for safe marine commerce, predict climate changes, and maintain healthy coasts. To supplement NOAA's fleet, 855 ship operating days will be chartered. An additional 4,290 chartered ship operating days will be purchased with other Line Office funds.

Aviation Operations – NOAA's fleet of aircraft will provide 2,050 flight hours to collect data for hurricane and winter-storm predictions, climate predictions, and environmental monitoring. An additional 3,200 chartered flight hours will be purchased with other Line Office funds.

Fleet Replacement – The McARTHUR II, NANCY FOSTER, and OSCAR ELTON SETTE will be upgraded to better support data collection requirements. Additionally, the fourth of a four-ship class of Fisheries Survey Vessels (FSV) will start construction in FY 2006 with the requested funding.

NOAA FY 2006 Budget (\$ in Millions)		
	Current Program	Program Change
ORF	\$120.5	\$0.0
PAC	\$36.7	\$(-1.0)
OTHER	\$18.5	\$0.0
TOTAL	\$174.7	\$(-1.0)

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